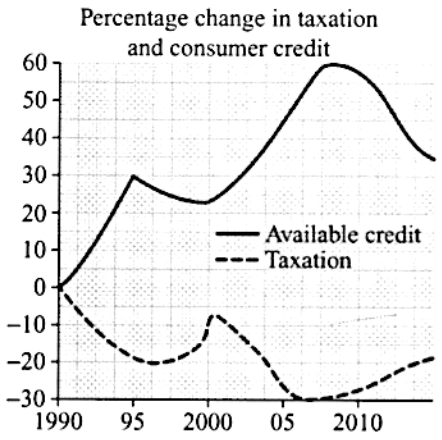
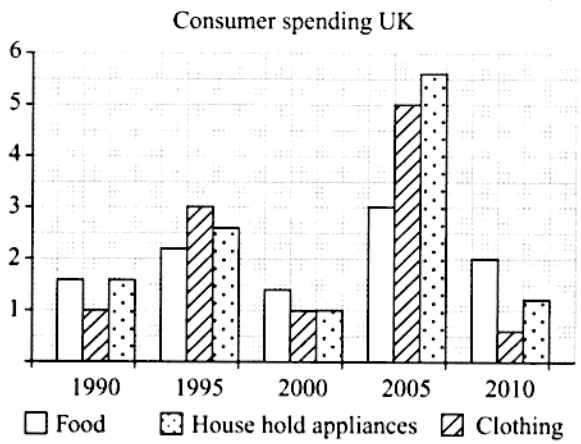
IELTS WRITING TASK 1 – MIXED GRAPHS

3. Look at the two figures below. The two italicized expressions in sentences 1-2 can be used to describe relationships between data sets. Indicate what each of them means by rephrasing the sentence.

1 The two figures show that there is a *positive correlation* between the availability of cheap credit and levels of consumer spending.

2 The two figures show that the rate of taxation *correlates negatively* with levels of consumer spending.





a	inversely proportional	**d**	when … falls, … appear to …
b	proportional	**e**	the less … the more …
c	when … rises, … also appear to …	**f**	the more … the more …

1. When the availability of cheap credit increases, consumer spending increases; when the availability of cheap credit decreases, consumer spending decreases.
2. When the rate of taxation increases, consumer spending decreases; when the rate of taxation decreases, consumer spending increases.

The two figures show that:

a. The rate of taxation is inversely proportional to levels of consumer spending.
b. The availability of cheap credit is proportional to levels of consumer spending.
c. When the availability of cheap credit rises, levels of consumer spending also **appear to** rise.
d. When the rate of taxation falls, levels of consumer spending **appear to** rise.
e. The less consumers are taxed, the more they spend.
f. The more cheap credit is available, the more consumers spend.